

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 628

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Five Karl H. Maier on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those members of the United States military who, throughout their distinguished careers, have served with honor, bravery, and a commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Five Karl H. Maier who currently serves with A Company, 1st Battalion of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is one such individual who, this year, will be retiring from service; and

WHEREAS, CW5 Maier enlisted in the United State Army in December 1975 and attended Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; he completed numerous training schools, including Military Police School at Ft. McClellan, Alabama; Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Georgia; and Warrant Officer Candidate School and Flight School at Ft. Rucker, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, CW5 Maier was first assigned to the 118th M. P. Company (Airborne) at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as a MP from April 1976 until December 1978; and

WHEREAS, after the completion of Warrant Officer Candidate School in 1984, he received his Aviator wings and his ratings in the TH-55, UH-1, and OH-58; he was assigned to A Troop, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry (Airborne) at Ft. Bragg, and he served as a Scout Platoon Pilot in Command and Instructor Pilot; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, CW5 Maier assessed and was accepted for service in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Group (Airborne) at Ft. Campbell; after completing Green Platoon and the SERE course, he was assigned to A Company as a MH-6 pilot, and he quickly progressed to become Fully Mission Qualified (FMQ), Flight Lead, Maintenance Test Pilot (MTP), Instructor Pilot (IP), and Standardization Pilot (SP); and

WHEREAS, during this time, CW5 Maier deployed in support of operations in Panama (Operation JUST CAUSE) as an FMQ, Persian Gulf (Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM) as a Flight Leader, and Somalia (Operation GOTHIC SERPENT) as a Flight Lead; and

WHEREAS, in Somalia, CW5 Maier earned the Silver Star for his efforts during the recovery of personnel injured after an MH-60 was shot down, during which time he used his personal weapon to engage a numerically superior enemy while his copilot extracted two of the downed MH-60 crew members; and

WHEREAS, in January 1994, CW5 Maier was assigned to HHC, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Regiment (Airborne) to serve as the Battalion Standardization Officer (SP); during his time as 1st Battalion SP, CW5 Maier deployed to support operations in Haiti (Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY) and Bosnia (Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR) as a Liaison Officer and planner; and

WHEREAS, CW5 Maier was assigned to HHC, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) as the Regiment MH-6 SP in 1998, and in January 2000, he became the Regiment Standardization Officer, where he was instrumental in assuring the ongoing improvement of the MH-6 Hotel and Juliet models; and

WHEREAS, in January 2003, CW5 Maier was assigned to the Special Operation Aviation Training Company (SOATC) as the SP, and in September 2003, he assumed further duties as the SOATC Operations Officer; and

WHEREAS, committed to the continuing defense of his country, CW5 Maier volunteered to participate in two deployments to Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) and two deployments to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) as FMQ LNO while serving as the SOATC Operations Officer; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, CW5 Maier was assigned duties as the Regiment Warrant Officer, guiding and mentoring the Regiment's 300-plus Warrant Officers and providing support directly to the Regimental Commander; and

WHEREAS, following his service as the Regiment Warrant Officer, CW5 Maier returned to A Company, 1st Battalion in 2007; since he returned to A Company, CW5 Maier has served

as an Instructor Pilot, Fighting Lead, assistant Operations Officer, and the company's Operations Officer; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CW5 Maier has deployed five times to OIF and seven times to OEF, providing unsurpassed experience and leadership in pursuit of strategic objectives for the United States, and he has served as an active participant in every major combat operation in which the United States has been engaged since December 1989; and

WHEREAS, CW5 Maier's impact on A Company, 1st Battalion and 160th SOAR(A) extends far beyond his person achievements; he has been a mentor and advisor to multiple generations of Aviators, Commanders, and enlisted soldiers, and his legacy will continue for many years to come, as the Night Stalkers who he has mentored over the past twenty-six years continue to uphold the high standards to which he has trained them; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and decorations, CW5 Maier has received the Silver Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Medals with "V" Device, two Army Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, four Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, Valorous Unit Award, two National Defense Service Medals, four Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, NATO Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, Master Army Aviator Badge, and Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, in his personal life, CW5 Karl Maier enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Cindy, and the couple have three sons, Kurt, Randy, and Dylan; and

WHEREAS, throughout his storied career, CW5 Karl Maier has served these United States with honor and distinction, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognize him on the occasion of his retirement from military service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Chief Warrant Officer Five Karl H. Maier our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.